

2003 CALENDAR LEGEND

ACTMI - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, **764-8932**
AQCB - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
BOA - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW (**New meeting date - see calendar**)*
City Council - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
Committee of the Whole (COW) - Council Committee Room, 9th Floor, Room 9081, City Hall
District 4 Coalition - Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE
District 6 Coalition - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE
District 7 Coalition - Grant Middle School, 1111 Easterday NE
District 8 Coalition - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE
DRB - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level
ELUA - Extraterritorial Land Use Authority, Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
ELUC - Extraterritorial Land Use Commission, Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall
EPC - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
EPC Pre-Hearing - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Building, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room
GABAC - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, **768-2680**
GARTC - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **768-5308** for information
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee - Albuquerque Fire Headquarters, 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **833-7300**
LUCC - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level
North Valley Coalition - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW, Carmen Marrone, **924-3814**
POC - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette
SWAN - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW
TAB - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, **764-6121**
Westside Coalition - LBJ Middle School, 6811 Taylor Ranch Dr. NW
ZHE - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW

November/December 2003 - GOV 16				City/County Video Bulletin on Air before and after Regular Programing		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 a.m. - County Commission or Current Events and Features	City Council LIVE, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5 p.m.	5 p.m. - County Commission LIVE on the second Tuesday	6 a.m. & Noon - County Commission (Replay of Tuesday or Current Events and Features)	8 a.m. & Noon - City Council Replays or Current Events and Features	6 a.m. & Noon - County Commission or Police Oversight Commission Replayed or Current Events and Features	8 a.m. - City Council Replayed or Current Events and Features
6 p.m. - Current Events and Features	City Council is replayed the day after at 6 a.m. and Noon; the following Thursday at 6 a.m., Noon and 10 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m.	BCC Zoning LIVE on the Fourth Tuesday Beginning at 4:30 p.m.	6 p.m. - GOV Program Guide 6:30 p.m. or Current Events and Features	6 p.m. - GOV Program Guide 6:30 pm - Current Events and Features		6 p.m. - ABQ Museum presents Lo Maduro de la Cultura
		County Meetings are Replayed the day after at 6 a.m. and Noon the following Friday at 6 a.m., Noon and 10 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m.	10 p.m. - Metro Road Report	10 p.m. - City Council Replayed or Special Events	10 p.m. - Meeting Replays or Special Events	

EPC Hearing Notice

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Contact the Planning Department at **924-3860** if you have questions.

Neighborhood Alert – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. Call Don Newton at **924-3906** if you have questions. **48-Hour Rule of the EPC:** All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

The Pre-Hearing Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 26, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room Third Floor; this meeting provides an airing of technical issues. The EPC Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Hearing Room for the following cases:

Northeast

Alameda North Valley (neighborhood association); 03EPC-01851, Project # 1003080 (case #'s); Approximately 6 acres located on the northeast corner of Vista Del Norte NE and Las Lomas NE; **(location of request); D-16 (zone atlas page #);** Mark Goodwin at **828-2200**, agent for Vista Del Norte LLC **(applicant or agency and phone #)** Requests a Zone Map amendment from SU-1 for C-2 Permissive Uses to R-T; Elvira Lopez at **924-3910**.

Nor Este; 03EPC-01914 & 01915, Project # 1003099; Approximately 2 acres located on the south side of Eagle Rock NE, between San Pedro NE and Louisiana NE; C-18; Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for T.S. McNaney; Requests a Zone Map amendment from SU-2 for IP to R-D plus an amendment to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan; Chris Hyer at **924-3927**.

S.Y. Jackson; 03EPC-01925, 01929, Project # 1003102; Approximately 2 acres located at the southwest corner of Juan Tabo NE and Lagrima De Oro NE; F-21; Dekker/Perich/Sabatini at **761-9700**, agent for SM & R Group; Requests a Zone Map amendment from SU-1 for PRD (22 dwelling units per acre) and Office to SU-1 for C-1 plus approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit; Makita Hill at **924-3879**.

East End Historical & Cultural, La Mesa; 03EPC-01931, Project # 1002714; Approximately 1 acre located at the northwest corner of Lomas Boulevard NE and Virginia NE; J-19; Tierra West LLC at **858-3100**, agent for Zangara Dodge; Requests approval of a Site Development Plan on land zoned C-2 and SU-1 for C-1 Uses and Automobile Sales and Storage; Juanita Vigil at **924-3349**.

Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Huning Highland Historic, Huning Highland; 03EPC-01934, Project # 1000184; Approximately 1 acre located on the west side of Arno Street NE, north of Central Avenue; K-14; Briscoe Architects at **262-0193**, agent for Richardo Chaves; Requests approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit on land zoned SU-2/SU-1 POD; Mary Piscitelli at **924-3891**.

Northwest

Ladera West, Laurelwood, Parkway; 03EPC-01908 thru 01910, Project # 1003097; Approximately 1 acre located on the southeast corner of Ladera Drive NW and Unser Parkway NW; H-9; DAC Enterprises at **294-5243**, agent for Diamond Shamrock; Requests a Zone Map amendment from R-D to SU-1 for C-1 Permissive Uses, an amendment to the East Atrisco Sector Development Plan plus approval of a Site Development Plan for Subdivision Purposes; Simon Shima at **924-3935**.

Near North Valley, Sawmill Area, Wells Park; 03EPC-01917, Project # 1002805; Approximately 14 acres located at the northwest corner of Interstate 40 and 12th Street NW, H-13; Denish & Kline at **842-6461**, agent for Mountain Run Partners; Requests approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit on land zoned C-2 for Shopping Center; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

No Association; 03EPC-01911 & 01912, Project # 1000522; Approximately 2 acres located on the north side of Montano Road NW, between Guadalupe Trail NW and the Harwood Lateral; F-14; DAC Enterprises at **294-5243**, agent for Jimmie Davis; Requests a Zone Map amendment from RA-1 to SU-1 for RC Uses plus an approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit; Juanita Vigil at **924-3349**.

Ventana Ranch; 03EPC-01918 & 01919, Project # 1002942; Approximately 56 acres located on the south side of Ventana Ranch NW and Rainbow NW; C-8; Denish & Kline at **842-6461**, agent for The Trails LLC; Request Annexation and Establishment of R-D Zoning; Simon Shima at **924-3935**.

Paradise Hills; 03EPC-01921, Project # 1003100; Approximately 6 acres located on the southeast corner of Eagle Ranch Road NW and Westside Drive NW; B-13; Tierra West at **858-3100**, agent for SKYE Inc.; Requests approval of a Site Development

Northwest, Con't

Plan for Building Permit on land zoned SU-1 for IP, C-2 and R-2 Uses; Debbie Stover at **924-3940**.

No association; 03EPC-01924, Project # 1001306; Approximately 10 acres located on the south side of the Calabacillas Arroyo and west of Kayenta NW; A-10; Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for Curb West; Requests a Zone Map amendment from R-1 to R-LT; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

West Bluff; 03EPC-01927, Project #1000651; Approximately 2 acres located at the southeast corner of Coors Boulevard NW and Redlands Road NW; G-11; Tierra West LLC at **858-3100**, agent for Tijeras Place LLC; Requests approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit of land zoned SU-1 for PDA C-1 Uses; Makita Hill at **924-3879**.

Alban Hills, Coors Trail, Rancho Sereno, Taylor Ranch; 03EPC-01928 & 01930, Project # 1001796; Approximately 24 acres located at the northeast corner of Coors Boulevard NW and Eagle Ranch Road NW; D-13; Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for Fortis Advisors; Requests a Zone Map amendment from SU-1 for O-1 Permissive Uses & C-1 Permissive Uses and Restaurant to SU-1 for Permissive Uses plus approval of a Site Development Plan for Subdivision Purposes; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

Southeast

Four Hills MHP Residents, Four Hills Village, Willow Wood; EPC03-01062, 01920, 01922, Project # 1001370; Approximately 327 acres located at the southern end of Juan Tabo SE, between Eubank SE and Four Hills Road SE; M-21; Mark Goodwin at **828-2200**, agent for Juan Tabo Hills LLC; Requests Annexation and Establishment of R-D (197 acres) and SU-1 for Village Center (30 acres) zoning plus approval of a Site Development Plan for Subdivision Purposes; Simon Shima at **924-3935**.

Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Huning Highland Historic, Huning Highland Neighborhood; 03EPC-01932 & 01933, Project # 1002698; Approximately 1 acre located on the west side of Walter SE south of Central SE; K-14; Garrett Smith at **766-6968**, agent for Green Valley Land Company; Requests a Zone Map amendment from SU-2 MR to SU-2/SU-1 for Permissive R-2 Uses plus approval of a Site Development Plan for Building Permit; Mary Piscitelli at **924-3891**.

LUCC Hearing Notice

Publication of LUCC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* occurs on the **Wednesday, 15 days prior** to the public hearing, which is on the **2nd Wednesday of each month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. The LUCC will also advertise their business meeting, which is held one week after the public hearing from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Contact Fran Tapia with the Planning Department at **924-3883** if you have questions. Agendas, Action Items are available on the Planning Department's webpage at <www.cabq.gov/planning>.

In order to make maximum use of the following information please note: •Scan the list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month. •The name and phone number of the Planner assigned to this case is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions. •Staff reports are available at the Planning Office for your review, one week prior to the hearing.

Notice To All Parties And Citizens Of Interest:

Notice is hereby given that the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission will not hold a hearing on their regularly scheduled date of DECEMBER 10, 2003. The LUCC will hold a SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING at **1:00 PM** on Wednesday, **December 16, 2003** in the Basement Hearing Room of the Plaza Del Sol building, located at 600 2nd Street NW, to discuss the following:

Project # 1002780 Case #03LUC-01064 Tom O. Hunter requests the following action: Certificate of Appropriateness for a reroofing of the house at 824 Forrester NW, TR 36 X 97 N of Lot 1, Forrester Place Addition, a *contributing* property located within the *Eighth and Forrester Historic Overlay Zone*, zoned SU-2/TH (J-14-Z)

This item was remanded to the LUCC from the City Council for reconsideration.

No other matters or cases will be discussed at this hearing.

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Planning Commission and the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission will hold a **JOINT HEARING** on Wednesday, **December 16, 2003, 3:00 p.m.** in the Basement Hearing Room of the Plaza Del Sol building, located at 600 2nd Street NW, to discuss the following:

These cases are not listed in the order of the agenda.

Project # 1002698 Case #03LUC-00876 Garrett Smith Ltd, agent for Green Valley Land Company, requests the following actions: Sector Plan Amendment, Zone Map Amendment from SU-2/MR to SU-2/SU-1 for R-2 Permissive Uses, and Site Development Plan for Building Permit from the EPC and a Certificate of Appropriateness from the LUCC for new construction of three dwelling unit condominiums, on all or a portion of Block 21, Tract 4, *Huning's Highlands Addition*, zoned SU-2/MR, a *vacant property* located within the *Huning's Highlands Historic Overlay Zone*, located at **115 Walter St SE**, between Central Avenue SE and Gold Avenue SE, containing approximately .16 acre. (K-14-Z) Mary Piscitelli, LUCC and EPC Staff Planner

Project # 1000184 Case # 03EPC-1934 / Case # 03LUC-01935 Briscoe Architects, PC, agent for Ricardo Chaves, request the following actions: Site Development Plan for Building Permit from the EPC and Certificate of Appropriateness for Building Rehabilitation from the LUCC for all or a portion of Tract A-2, *Banner Square Addition*, zoned SU-2/SU-1 PUD, containing a portion of *Old Albuquerque High School*, a *City Landmark* located within the *Huning's Highlands Historic Overlay Zone*, located at **303 Central Avenue NE**, between Arno Street NE and Broadway Boulevard NE, containing approximately .229 acre. (K-14-Z) Ed Boles, LUCC Staff Planner; Mary Piscitelli, EPC Staff Planner.

CITY SCOOP

News From City Departments



Solid Waste Management Department



HOLIDAY RECYCLING

Green Waste Collection

December 1-5, 2003

Place your clean, mixed green waste at the curb on your regular pick-up day by 7 a.m. No turf, sod or trash. You may also take green waste to Eagle Rock Convenience Center at 8301 Eagle Rock NE or to the Solid Waste Dept. at 4600 Edith NE.

Telephone Book Recycling

December 19, 2003 - January 23, 2004

Books will be collected only for the above period at all Albuquerque Smith's Food & Drug stores.

Public Works

Your San Juan Chama Dollars At Work



Water for Generations to Come!

Water lines are being placed along the streets in some neighborhoods to transport non-potable water. These water lines will be used to transport water to parks, golf courses, athletic fields, and schools in the near future and will contribute to the conservation of our aquifer to provide a sustainable water supply for generations to come.

Access to private property may be limited during daytime hours resulting in an inconvenience to all who live and work in the area. The Public Works Department will try to minimize the time that it will take to complete the project. The project manager and contact person is James Chavez, P.E. of the Water Resources Division at **768-2561**.

Public Works

Wastewater Utilities Division

Bad Medicine

Scientists are finding evidence that unused and expired over the counter and prescription medicines are affecting oceans, rivers and streams. In the past, when drugs were expired or unused it was recommended that medications be flushed down the drain or the toilet. Collectively, these medications being discharged to treatment plants can harm the microbes at wastewater treatment plants, and eventually any waterway that treatment plants discharge into.

The United States Geological Survey and the Environmental Protection Agency have been gathering data regarding the effects of unused and expired medication are having on surface waters. Please see the web sites below:

<www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/ppcp/greenpharmacy.htm>

<<http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc.html>>

What can you do as a consumer to protect our waterways? There are some options. Ask your pharmacists if the pharmacy **will take back expired or unwanted medication**. Another option would be to dispose of medication as solid waste, but there are some precautions that should be taken before doing this. The following information is from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

<www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-ess-tas-cau-RXbrochure.pdf>



- Keep pharmaceuticals in their original container since the labels may contain safety information, the container is chemically compatible, and the caps are typically water tight and child proof.

- Add a small amount of water or cooking oil to solid drugs or some absorbent material

such as kitty litter, saw dust, or flour to liquid drugs before recapping. These measures are intended to discourage any unintended use of the drug.

- Double enclose the contained drugs in a bag or any other waste container to prevent immediate identification of a drug container or prevent a glass drug container from breaking during the disposal process, e.g., when a plastic garbage bag tears, tipped trash can, etc.

Please call the Pollution Prevention (p2) Program for more information at **873-7058/7059**.

CITY SCOOP continued



APD Crime Prevention

Submitted By Steve Sink

Domestic Violence

Millions of women are confronted with violence at the hands of their husbands, boyfriends and significant others each year. This devastating experience is often kept a secret. Victims of domestic violence are unwilling to tell anyone - even close friends and family. This is particularly true during the holidays. Victims want to maintain peace in the family and don't want to ruin the spirit of the holidays by reporting the offender to the police. Because of this attitude the incidents of domestic violence are generally under reported. Under reporting will often cause the situation to escalate, so do not let your guard down and approach a potentially dangerous situation with zero tolerance. The holiday spirit is best experienced with family and friends who love and respect each other - please consider your safety and the safety of the entire family by taking note of the following information.

WARNING SIGNS OF BATTERING BEHAVIOR

Jealousy – Controlling Behavior – Isolation – Blaming Others – Verbal Abuse – Psychological Abuse – Cruelty to Children or Animals – Threats of Violence – Force During Arguments – Anger Easily When Drinking or Using Other Drugs – Breaking or Striking Objects – Discourage Other Friendships – Threaten With Weapon – Controls Your Schedule – Accuses You of Being Unfaithful – Controls All Finances – Forces You to Have Sex

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE HURT

Call the police as soon as you can – Assault, even by a family member is a crime – Get medical attention, ask the medical staff to photograph your injuries and keep detailed records in the event legal action is necessary – Contact the court system about civil protective orders – Leave the scene immediately or as soon as possible

RESOURCES FOR HELP AND ASSISTANCE

Leave or have someone stay with you if you are in immediate danger. Call a crisis hotline for assistance, location of a women's shelter, counseling, and crisis intervention. The following resources and telephone numbers are available in Albuquerque:

- New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-773-3645** (Statewide)
- Women's Community Association/Shelter from Domestic Violence: **247-4219** (ABQ)
- All Faith's Receiving Home – Emergency Shelter for Children: **345-8938**
- APD Victim Assistance Unit: **768-2104** (ABQ)
- Albuquerque Women's Resource Center: **242-7033** (ABQ)
- New Mexico Domestic Legal Help Line: **1-877-974-3400** (Toll Free – Statewide)
- 243-4300** (ABQ)
- New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs: **1-888-888-8020** (Statewide)
- 883-8020** (ABQ)
- Morning Star – Advocacy Program for Native American Women: **232-8299** (ABQ)
- Resources – Women's Advocacy Group: **884-1241** (ABQ)
- Enlace – Spanish Speaking: **246-8972**
- 911** or the non-emergency number – **242-COPS (2677)** (ABQ)
- Nationwide Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-799-SAFE**
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: **1-800-537-2238**
- Restraining Orders: **841-8400**

•Crime Victim's Reparation Commission: **841-9432**.

For more information regarding any of these services, please call Steve Sink at APD Crime Prevention at **924-3600**.

Planning

Submitted by Joel Wooldridge

The Comprehensive Plan: Land Use Policies

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan has long provided an integrated vision for development of the city and county, and for protection of our natural resources and special places. Its policies direct how we build the public and private realm, deliver services, and grow the economy. It is the "Rank One" plan, the overarching guide to agencies of local government who administer land use and design regulations, engineering and development standards, and capital spending programs.

Although the Plan is much more than merely a land use guide, land use is the cornerstone of the physical growth policy expressed in the Plan. Taken together with its numerous other policies, the Comprehensive Plan shapes most every aspect of our quality of life in this region. The land use policy sections of the Plan govern the location and acquisition of the metropolitan open space system, preservation of special community identity and unique life styles available in rural and semi-urban areas, sensible development and redevelopment of older and emerging neighborhoods and roadway corridors, creation of service- and job-producing activity centers at appropriate locations, and the development of new self-sufficient communities beyond the present urban edges.

Land use policy objectives are tied directly to the Comprehensive Plan map. The open space network, for example, delineates the lands throughout the county that present either some constraint to development (flood plains, steep slopes, bad soil) or some unique opportunity (irrigated agriculture, petroglyphs) for resource production or outdoor recreation. Similarly, areas designated by the Plan as Rural are important to preserve as lower density places where people who want larger tracts for horses, small farms and other "non-urban" activities can locate. At the other end of the development spectrum, the Plan identifies areas appropriate for a full range of residential and non-residential urban uses, based on their environmental characteristics and access to necessary public services.

The Comprehensive Plan map, illustrating "Development Area" boundaries planned for different styles and intensities of growth or protection along with activity centers and corridors designed to be the focus of new urban development and redevelopment, is essentially the adopted Vision guiding the spatial change of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. Planning and development approval staff, planning commissioners and elected officials of the City and County rely on the Plan's vision and policies whenever a land use issue and decision is before them. *Other land use goals of the Plan will be examined in the next edition of the Neighborhood News.*

The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan is available on-line at www.cabq.gov/planning/publications/index.html.

Albuquerque Housing Services

Home Rehabilitation Program

In an effort to preserve the quality of housing owned and occupied by low and moderate- income families and to continue to expand and revitalize older neighborhoods within the City, Albuquerque Housing Services provides deferred loans and low interest loans to qualified low and moderate-income homeowners. The loans are made for the purpose of rehabilitating residential properties. Family income and family size determine the type of loan a person may qualify to receive.

How do I qualify?

- Homeowners may receive a deferred loan, a 3% or 6% loan, provided at a minimum the following requirements are satisfied.
- The property is located in the City limits of Albuquerque.
- You have owned and occupied the home for at least one year prior to application.
- For owner occupied units total gross family income must be at or below 80% of area median income as established for family size by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Please call our office at **764-3940** for current income limitations.
- You have fee simple title to the property or a real estate contract with a balance of less than \$25,000 that can be refinanced.
- For owner occupied units the after rehab value can not exceed 95% of the median purchase price for the area (203b Mortgage Limit) as established by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.
- Your property taxes, property insurance (if applicable) and utilities are current.
- You have not had a City rehabilitation loan or a City purchase loan in the last ten years.
- If you qualify for a loan that must be paid back, you must have a good credit rating and meet the under writing criteria established by Albuquerque Housing Services.

What can the loan be used for?

The money you receive must be used to pay for rehabilitation costs. These costs include: Labor and materials used to rehab your property and bring it up to City Code. Processing your loan which includes title search, insurance, appraisals, surveys and recording fees. The loan money cannot be used to pay for minor or cosmetic repairs or property taxes.



Interested? Please call us at **505-764-3940**. You will have the opportunity to speak directly with an AHS Loan Officer who will quickly screen you for eligibility and fill out an inquiry form.

(The article that ran last month contained erroneous information. The facts and figures in this piece are correct. AHS regrets the error.)

Environmental Health



TAKE THE CLEAN AIR CHALLENGE!

The Clean Air Challenge in Albuquerque will take place **November 5, 2003 through January 31, 2004**. Help eliminate that ugly brown cloud over the City of Albuquerque.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Everyone can do something. Dare to care about your air and take the challenge. You can take the "Challenge" by calling **243-RIDE (7433)**. Pledge to use an alternative mode of transportation as often as possible. Alternative modes of transportation include:

- Carpooling/Vanpooling •Riding the bus •Bicycling •Walking•

Using one of these modes to get to work can save fuel, money, and our air! You also will be entered into a drawing for prizes!

Win some great Prizes:

Bicycles, TV, computer, two-night stay at the Marriott Pyramid and many more!!

Contest Rules:

Any commuter age 18 years or older is eligible to win prizes by filling out the challenge card and checking the method of alternative transportation to be used during the Clean Air Challenge. Deadline entry for prizes must be received by ABQ RIDE (Transit Department) no later than **January 31, 2004**. Prizes will be awarded throughout the challenge, and grand prizes will be awarded by February 28, 2004. **Employees of the ABQ RIDE (Transit Dept.) are not eligible.**

CALL 243-RIDE to get a challenge card or visit our website at www.cabq.gov/transit.

Albuquerque Fire Department



Christmas Tree Safety 2003

It is extremely dry in New Mexico and the Albuquerque Fire Department has the following suggestions about Christmas trees.

- When purchasing a tree shake it to make sure needles aren't dry and falling off.
- Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- Keep the tree moist.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant.
- Keep candles away from the tree. Don't use any open flame near the tree and make sure it is at least 3' away from a heat source.
- Turn lights off at least 30 minutes before leaving or retiring at night.
- Choose flame resistant non-combustible decorations.
- Inspect and replace damaged lights and, if using extension cords, don't overload.
- When the tree starts dropping needles safely dispose of it. Dried out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in the house, garage or next to the exterior of the home.

Many of the trees for sale have been cut for some time. Please take precautions to have a safe holiday season. For brochures on fire safety contact the Fire Marshall's Office at **764-6300**.

CITY SCOOP continued

Environmental Health

November

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Martin J. Chávez, Mayor

**City of Albuquerque
Environmental Health Department
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ONC reserves the right to edit and/or reject any submissions.

On the Internet go to www.cabq.gov. On the front page, lower right side under "Popular Links" click on "Community Calendar" then click to "Community Meetings." Click on "Name of Meeting" and a complete (and printable) description of the meeting will appear.

**** SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY
THE 1st OF EACH MONTH****

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505-924-3911 (newsletter inquiries)
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